

Memo from
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To: Dr Richard Novick

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Thank you for your considerate response to my note. I was not looking for an apology, but was rather bemused at the palimpsest phenomenon being exhibited (see R.K. Merton's delightful "On the Shoulders of Giants".) My aim in 1953 was to unify the apparently conflicting concepts of plasmome, virus and symbionts - an issue that is now mooted. But I agree that "plasmid" should refer to the slot of genetic information (i.e. the RNA or DNA [or ... I]) rather than to genome products.

I'm sorry my secy. confused you with Aaron (whom I've known for over 25 years), but even more not to have a close acquaintance with you personally.
Sincerely,



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